Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)		
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Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's)	RM-10787
Amateur Service Rules to Eliminate)		
Morse code testing)		

To: The Commission

COMMENT

I currently hold Amateur Extra Class License WBOROT and have been licensed for over 28 years. I have served as Emergency Coordinator for over 20 years. I have been a VE for the last three years. I have used CW for many years.

I agree with, and support the NCVEC Petition for Rulemaking. As a VE, I have seen many stressed over the code and fail their CW tests. I know of several who took the test three or more times before they passed it. As an EC I see the importance of CW for use in long distance nets, but I have never used CW locally for emergency communications. Usually FM voice or packet was used for local nets and HF SSB was used for long distance communications. As for passing a CW test, it does not show that you are smarter, work harder or that you are a better person. It only shows that you can pass a CW test!

SUMMARY

I request that CW testing be terminated immediately and that Technician Class operators be given access to the HF Novice frequencies.

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